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SEN. CLARKE ANNOUNCES OVER \$1 MILLION IN EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING GRANTS FOR DETROIT

LANSING- State Senator Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit) announced today that the Detroit area will be receiving \$1,340,346 in food assistance employment and training grants. The grant money will be issued to the City of Detroit Employment and Training Department and will be used to fund programs such as literacy and vocational training, life skills instruction, and job search guidance.

“It’s no secret that we are experiencing one of the worst job markets in decades, which is especially hard on unemployed workers who lack basic skills,” said Sen. Clarke. “These grants are needed to help citizens who lack life skills or vocational skills develop the talents necessary to rejoin the modern workforce. Helping the disadvantaged to become self-sufficient is good for our communities and good for our economy.”

The funding for the grants comes from the Michigan Department of Career Development’s Food Assistance Employment and Training Program, which is administered by 24 locally governed Michigan Works! agencies and Workforce Development boards throughout the state. The work participation requirements can be met by participating in self-initiated community service through the Family Independence Agency or referral to the Michigan Works! agencies for employment services.

Eligible individuals are adults who are able to work, without dependents, and are within 18 through 49 years of age. The long term goal of the program is to assist individuals in obtaining unsubsidized employment.

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